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## EGYPTIAN RICE (*Oryza sativa* var.).

The Egyptian rice is locally known in Louisiana as "Bull rice" and has been grown there for a great many years. It has a large berry of the Japanese type, that is, thick and short kernel, somewhat larger than the Kiushu rice, dark colored and much softer when it first ripens, so that it answers excellently for the purpose of stock food. It also has more protein than the ordinary rice. The characteristics of its growth are that it requires very little water, has a strong stalk, abundant leaf, is a heavy producer, and will generally make a crop even though the other rices fail. For these reasons it is grown in Louisiana as a stock food. It is believed that this crop can be profitably grown over a large portion of the Gulf coast as a hay crop.

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